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AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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SUBJECT: EXHIBITS: PHOTOGRAPHY USA

REF: MOSCOW 1645

1. AT SPASO LUNCHEON FEB 3, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOREIGN EXHIBITS CHIEF OGANESYAN SUGGESTED TO EMBOFF THAT TMBASSY CHANGE REQUEST TO SHOW PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT IN KUYBYSHEV TO INCLUDE CITY IN SECOND GROUP OF THREE CITIES, THUS GIVING SOVIETS MORE TIME TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL.

2. CONSIDERING PRESENTATION MADE TO AREA DIRECTOR SHIRLEY SAME DAY AT MFA (MOSCOW 1645,) OGANESYAN, WHILE NOT ENCOURAGING, AT LEAST IN EFFECT LEAVES DOOR OPEN.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES PRIORITY ITEM IN LIST OF DIFFERENCES WITH SOVIETS OVER PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT IS NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT TO COVER SIX CITIES. EMBASSY ALSO AWARE NEGOTIATIONS AND SITE SURVEYS FOR FIRST THREE CITIES MUST GET UNDERWAY ASAP.

4. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT FIRST THREE CITIES BE LENINGRAD, NOVOSIBIRISK, ALMA ATA. SOVIETS WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM AGREEING TO THREE CITIES AND WE COULD PROCEED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOTH NEGOTIATIONS AND SITE SURVEYS FOR THEM.

5. EMBASSY WOULD CONTINUE PUSH LENINGRAD AS FIRST CITY
AND ALSO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO PERSUADE SOVIETS TO INCLUDE
IN CONTRACT FOR FIRST THREE CITIES CLAUSE WHICH WOULD STATE
THAT CONTINGENT UPON CONCLUSION OF CULTURAL AGREEMENT FOR
1977-79, WHICH INCLUDES SECTION ON EXHIBITS, SAME TERMS
WOULD APPLY TO PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT IN SECOND THREE CITIES.

6. ACCORDING TO ABOVE PLAN, EXHIBIT WOULD OPEN IN LENINGRAD
IN JULY, SEPTEMBER IN NOVOSIBIRSK AND NOVEMBER IN ALMA ATA.

7. EMBOFFS WOULD MAKE CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT SECOND THREE
CITIES WOULD BE KIEV, MOSCOW AND KUYSYSHEV.

8. EMBASSY APPROACH ON KUYBYSHEV WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.

9. REQUEST ASAP AGENCY COMMENT AND TRAVEL PLANS OF NEGOTIATING
TEAMS. EMBASSY REMINDS THAT DUE TO PARTY CONGRESS,
HOTEL SPACE WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED BETWEEN FEB 10 AND MARCH 10.

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